

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

SB 668 - HB 1832

March 17, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Limits the amount that municipally or cooperatively owned utilities may receive in exchange for permission for pole attachments. Stipulates that in-kind payment in exchange for this permission cannot be made and that such utilities may refuse requests for pole attachments only if access is not technically feasible.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 25, 2005 we issued a fiscal note which indicated a minimal fiscal impact. Based upon additional information pertaining to current pole attachment rates versus the rates that would be mandated by the provisions of the bill, the estimated fiscal impact of the bill is:

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Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$4,000,000

Assumption:

- Municipal utilities currently receive approximately \$8,000,000 annually from pole attachment fees paid by cable TV providers.
- Municipal utilities currently receive approximately \$13,000,000 annually from pole attachment fees paid by telegraph or telephone corporations.
- Setting pole attachment fees in accordance with federal guidelines is estimated to result in a minimum average reduction in excess of 20% in the amount of fees currently collected by municipal utilities.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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